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PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF MORTALITY STATISTICS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: 1933

The Bureau of the Census announces that there were 7,872 deaths during 1933 in the District of Columbia, or a rate of 15.9 per 1,000 population - a slight decrease as compared with 1932. Detailed statistics by causes of death are shown in the following table. Similar summaries for the remaining states will be issued, as the tabulations are completed.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Number of Deaths		Rate per 100,000 estimated population	
	1933	1932	1933	1932
Total deaths (all causes ex. of stillbirths)	7,872	7,937	1590.3	1609.9
I. Infectious and parasitic diseases	854	899	172.5	182.4
Typhoid and paratyphoid fever	18	8	3.6	1.6
Measles	5	1	1.0	0.2
Scarlet fever	6	13	1.2	2.6
Whooping-cough	9	20	1.8	4.1
Diphtheria	14	17	2.8	3.4
Influenza	46	72	9.3	14.6
Dysentery	8	6	1.6	1.2
Erysipelas	12	11	2.4	2.2
Acute poliomyelitis and acute polioencephalitis	2	6	0.4	1.2
Lethargic or epidemic encephalitis	3	9	0.6	1.8
Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis	11	14	2.2	2.8
Tetanus	4	12	0.8	2.4
Tuberculosis (all forms)	613	602	123.8	122.1
Respiratory system	510	529	103.0	107.3
Meninges and central nervous system	23	21	4.6	4.3
Intestines and peritoneum	12	14	2.4	2.8
Vertebral column	9	6	1.8	1.2
Genitourinary system	4	2	0.8	0.4
Acute disseminated	43	24	8.7	4.9
Chronic and unspecified disseminated	9	2	1.8	0.4
Other forms	3	4	0.6	0.8
Syphilis	93	97	18.8	19.7
Malaria	1	-	0.2	-
Other infectious and parasitic diseases	9	11	1.8	2.2
II. Cancers and other tumors	812	773	164.0	156.8
Cancer and other malignant tumors	753	734	152.1	148.9
Of the buccal cavity and pharynx	26	36	5.3	7.3
Of the esophagus	15	9	3.0	1.8
Of the stomach and duodenum	124	114	25.1	23.1
Of the liver and biliary passages	35	47	7.1	9.5
Of the pancreas	30	28	6.1	5.5
Of others of the digestive tract and peritoneum	116	124	23.4	25.2
Of the respiratory system	38	26	7.7	5.3
Of the uterus	107	95	21.6	19.3
Of other female genital organs	18	18	3.6	3.7
Of the breast	73	68	14.7	13.8
Of the male genitourinary organs	72	73	14.5	14.8
Of the skin	15	17	3.0	3.4
Of other or unspecified organs	84	81	17.0	16.4
Nonmalignant tumors	38	16	7.7	3.2
Tumors of which the nature is not specified	21	23	4.2	4.7

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III. Rheumatic diseases, nutritional diseases, diseases of endocrine glands and other general diseases	218	204	44.0	41.4
Acute rheumatic fever	15	23	3.0	4.7
Chronic rheumatism, osteoarthritis	11	4	2.2	0.8
Diabetes mellitus	148	137	29.9	27.8
Pellagra	7	7	1.4	1.4
Exophthalmic goiter	21	20	4.2	4.1
Diseases of thymus gland	6	2	1.2	0.4
Diseases of adrenals (Addison's) not specified as tuberculous	1	1	0.2	0.2
Others of this class	9	10	1.8	2.0
IV. Diseases of the blood and blood-making organs	53	63	10.7	12.8
Hemorrhagic conditions	2	5	0.4	1.0
Pernicious anemia	10	19	2.0	3.9
True leukemias	19	22	3.8	4.5
Pseudoleukemias (Hodgkin's disease)	15	8	3.0	1.6
Diseases of spleen	2	5	0.4	1.0
Others of this class	5	4	1.0	0.8
V. Chronic poisonings and intoxications	26	17	5.3	3.4
Alcoholism	25	15	5.1	3.0
Other chronic poisonings	1	2	0.2	0.4
VI. Diseases of the nervous system and of organs of special sense	725	722	146.5	146.5
Encephalitis (nonepidemic)	7	10	1.4	2.0
Meningitis (nonepidemic)	25	25	5.1	5.1
Progressive locomotor ataxia (tabes dorsalis)	6	9	1.2	1.8
Cerebral hemorrhage	505	462	102.0	93.7
Cerebral embolism and thrombosis	39	52	7.9	10.5
Softening of brain	5	6	1.0	1.2
Hemiplegia, other paralysis, cause unspecified	9	17	1.8	3.4
General paralysis of insane	56	52	11.3	10.5
Dementia praecox and other psychoses	1	-	0.2	-
Epilepsy	12	14	2.4	2.8
Convulsions (under 5 years of age)	1	1	0.2	0.2
Other diseases of the nervous system	13	21	2.6	4.3
Diseases of organs of vision	1	1	0.2	0.2
Diseases of ear	16	17	3.2	3.4
Diseases of mastoid process	7	20	1.4	4.1
Others of this class	22	15	4.4	3.0
VII. Diseases of the circulatory system	2,049	1,918	415.9	389.0
Diseases of the heart	1,839	1,698	371.5	344.4
Acute endocarditis	54	35	6.9	7.1
Chronic endocarditis, valvular disease	292	317	59.0	64.3
Diseases of myocardium	961	914	194.1	185.4
Angina pectoris	44	71	8.9	14.4
Diseases of coronary artery	179	109	36.2	22.1
Other diseases of the heart	329	252	66.5	51.1
Aneurysm (except of heart)	38	20	7.7	4.1
Arteriosclerosis (coronary arteries excepted)	149	176	30.1	35.7
Gangrene	3	3	0.6	0.6
Other diseases of the circulatory system	20	21	4.0	4.3

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VIII. Diseases of the respiratory system	659	781	133.1	158.4
Diseases of nasal fossae and annexa	3	9	0.6	1.8
Diseases of larynx	1	3	0.2	0.6
Bronchitis	17	33	3.4	6.7
Bronchopneumonia	287	340	53.9	69.0
Lobar pneumonia	276	307	55.8	62.3
Pneumonia unspecified	24	14	4.8	2.8
Pleurisy	22	25	4.4	5.1
Pulmonary embolism and thrombosis	4	6	0.8	1.2
Pulmonary congestion, edema, hemorrhagic infarct	15	10	3.0	2.0
Asthma	4	17	0.8	3.4
Other diseases of the respiratory system	28	17	5.3	3.4
IX. Diseases of digestive system	545	511	110.1	103.7
Diseases of pharynx and tonsils	28	23	5.7	4.7
Diseases of buccal cavity and annexa	7	9	1.4	1.8
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	49	54	9.9	11.0
Other diseases of stomach (cancer excepted)	13	14	2.6	2.8
Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years)	59	81	11.9	18.4
Diarrhea and enteritis (2 years and over)	18	17	3.6	3.4
Appendicitis	112	97	22.6	19.7
Hernia	31	31	6.3	6.3
Intestinal obstruction	70	61	14.1	12.4
Cirrhosis of liver	63	47	12.7	9.5
Yellow atrophy of liver	3	5	0.6	1.0
Other diseases of liver	5	8	1.0	1.6
Biliary calculi	28	28	5.7	5.7
Other diseases of gall bladder, biliary passages	20	18	4.0	3.7
Diseases of pancreas	15	6	3.0	1.2
Peritonitis, cause not specified	7	6	1.4	1.2
Other diseases of digestive system	17	6	3.4	1.2
X. Diseases of genitourinary system	702	781	141.8	158.4
Acute nephritis (including unspecified under 10 years)	39	47	7.9	9.5
Chronic nephritis	499	552	100.8	112.0
Nephritis, unspecified (10 years and over)	38	56	7.7	11.4
Other diseases of kidneys, ureters (non-puerperal)	29	31	5.9	6.3
Calculi of urinary passages	11	4	2.2	0.8
Diseases of bladder (tumors excepted)	5	6	1.0	1.2
Diseases of prostate	38	41	7.7	8.5
Diseases of female genital organs (not specified as venereal)	32	33	6.5	6.7
Other diseases, genitourinary system	11	11	2.2	2.2
XI. Diseases of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperal state	50	91	10.1	18.5
Puerperal septicemia	27	36	5.5	7.3
Other puerperal causes	23	55	4.6	11.2
XII. Diseases of skin and cellular tissues	9	17	1.8	3.4
XIII. Diseases of bones and organs of locomotion	14	10	2.8	2.0
XIV. Congenital malformations	48	50	9.7	10.1

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CAUSE OF DEATH	Number of deaths		Rate per 100,000 estimated population	
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XV. Diseases of early infancy	354	364	71.5	73.8
Congenital debility	10	17	2.0	3.4
Premature birth	264	254	53.5	51.5
Injury at birth	58	67	11.7	13.6
Other diseases peculiar to early infancy	22	26	4.4	5.3
XVI. Senility	22	21	4.4	4.3
XVII. Violent and accidental deaths	731	712	147.7	144.4
Suicide	169	151	34.1	30.6
Homicide	124	114	25.1	23.1
Accidental, other or undefined	438	447	88.5	90.7
Absorption of poisonous gas	9	18	1.8	3.7
Burns (conflagration excepted)	40	36	8.1	7.3
Drowning	32	31	6.5	6.3
Traumatism by firearms	5	1	1.0	0.2
Traumatism by cutting or piercing instruments	4	4	0.8	0.8
Traumatism by fall	139	105	28.1	21.3
Traumatism by crushing	41	47	8.3	9.5
Excessive heat (burns excepted)	9	2	1.8	0.4
Due to electric currents	1	3	0.2	0.6
Other external causes	158	200	31.9	40.6
XVIII. Ill-defined causes of death	1	3	0.2	0.6

This additional tabulation is made in accordance with the requirements of the International Conference at Paris, 1929. The deaths included represent a reclassification of accidental deaths for comparison with figures reported in prior years.

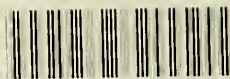
Machinery accidents	3	2	0.6	0.4
Other railroad accidents	15	3	3.0	0.6
Street car accidents	3	9	0.6	1.8
Collision with automobile	-	6	-	1.2
Other street car accidents	3	3	0.6	0.6
Automobile accidents	142	186	28.7	37.7
Motorcycle accidents	1	1	0.2	0.2
Other land transportation accidents	3	4	0.6	0.8
Water transportation accidents	4	6	0.8	1.2

Deaths in the preceding table are included under their appropriate titles of the International List as shown in the following table:

Burns (conflagration excepted)	2	2	0.4	0.4
Drowning	4	6	0.8	1.2
Cutting or piercing instruments	-	1	-	0.2
Fall	6	5	1.2	1.0
Crushing	39	45	7.9	9.1
Due to electric currents	1	-	0.2	-
Other accidents	119	152	24.0	30.8

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